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LETTER DATED 5 MAY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to present to you the attached letter, dated 5 May 1993, providing an update on the continuing attack on Zepa by Serbian forces, from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

We humbly request that Member States and or regional organizations undertake measures in accordance with United Nations resolution 770 to address the urgent humanitarian tragedy unfolding in Zepa.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador and
Permanent Representative

Annex

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina has received a new information relating the situation in Zepa on 5 May 1993:

The aggressor offensive continues with somewhat decreased intensity throughout the night. In morning hours the shelling of civilian targets escalated on the entire territory. There are infantry fighting on the 15 km long front line. According to the information, though incomplete, there are casualties, mainly among the civilians. Scores of wounded, ill and weak, with no one to help them, because all have fled away, have been reported. The population of nearby settlements of Zepa has been evacuated to the caves and woods. The hospital has been also evacuated because there are no conditions for its activity any longer.

1. We request to deploy the UNPROFOR observers, who have been announced for today, immediately.

2. We also request a surgery team to be sent immediately through the humanitarian organization "Doctors without frontiers" along with the minimum of medical equipment (mobile hospital) because there is neither medical equipment nor any conditions to work in Zepa any longer.

3. A land convoy with medicines and food to be sent immediately.

We are appealing once again to the international community to undertake most urgent steps to stop the aggression immediately and protect the civilian population.

Sarajevo, 5 May 1993

(Signed) Sulejagn SULJIC
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